



State of Maryland

Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene/Planning Council

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MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HYGIENE/ PL 102-321 PLANNING COUNCIL

Minutes

July 19, 2011

Maryland Advisory Council Members: M. Sue Diehl, Chair; Charles Reifsnider, Anita Solomon

Maryland Advisory Council Members Absent: Richard Blair, Jaimi L. Brown, Mike Finkle, Michele Forzley, Joshana Goga, Edwin C. Oliver, Livia Pazourek, Robert M. Pender, Vice-Chair; John Scharf, Anthony Swetz, Jr., Robert Turner, Sherrie Wilcox

Individuals highlighted as such are resigned members who have not yet been replaced.

PL 102-321 Council Members Present: Carol Allenza, Sarah Burns, Coordinator; Peter Cohen, Chicquita Crawford, Lesa Diehl, A. Scott Gibson, Gerri Gray, Phoenix Liss, Steven C. Kinney for Tracee Bryant, Dan Martin, Cynthia Petion, Sarah Rhine, Kathleen Ward

PL 102-321 Council Members Absent: Lynn Albizo, Terry Bohrer, Herb Cromwell, Lee Crump, Catherine Drake, Kate Farinholt, Vira Froehlinger, Victor Henderson, Diane Herr, Julie Jerscheid, Cindy Kauffman, Michael Lang, Sharon Lipford, Coordinator; George Lipman, William Manahan, Linda Raines, Sheryl Sparer, Jane Walker, Della Williams

MHA Staff Present: Robin Poponne, Carole Frank, Iris Reeves

Guests and Others: Dennis McDowell, Joanne Meekins, Consumer Quality Team of MD; Naomi Booker, CCAG; Jackie Pettis, ValueOptions

INTRODUCTIONS/ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Sue Diehl. Attendees introduced themselves and the minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting were approved. Please note that approved minutes will be posted on MHA's Web site, www.dhmh.state.md.us/mha. The Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene's link is listed under "Resources".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Cynthia Petion announced that the National Block Grant Conference took place in Washington D.C. on June 29-July 1, 2011. Sarah Burns represented the Joint Council, along with MHA staff. She attended a special session conducted by the National Association of Mental Health Planning Advisory Councils (NAMHPAC) which focused on substance use issues within a co-occurring framework. The conference was a combination of the Olmstead and Data Infrastructure sessions. This year's conference also focused on the introduction of the soon to be required concept of the unified Block Grant application. In the future, States will be required to submit a combined mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant application. However, this year MHA and ADAA will submit separate applications, but will include joint discussions of common areas of integration of behavioral health and provision of recovery support services for individuals with mental or substance use disorders. The applications will cover a 21 month period. The Planning Committee will review the FY 2012 Mental Health Block Grant application, which is due to SAMHSA on September 1, 2011. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 26th from 9:30 to 12:30 in the Mitchell Building 2nd floor conference room on Spring Grove Hospital Campus. All presentations and other materials are available on the National Grantees Conference Web site: <http://nationalblockgrantconference.com>.

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

There was no report today because Brian Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director of MHA, was attending a National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) meeting. However, Melissa Schober, MHA's Medicaid Policy Analyst, presented highlights of the 1915(i) waiver. To enhance future Director Report highlights, Dr. Hepburn encourages members to submit questions on topics of interest to Cynthia Petion at cpetion@dhmh.state.md.us.

PRESENTATION: THE 1915 (i) WAIVER – Melissa Schober, MHA's Medicaid Policy Analyst

The 1915(i) waiver is an option for states to amend their Medicaid State Plan to include home and community-based services (HCBS) such as homemaker, case management, adult day, habilitation, respite care, partial hospitalization, psychosocial rehabilitation, etc. Prior to this waiver, individuals had to be in a hospital or institution (or at risk for entering such) to qualify for these services. The 1915(i) waiver broke the eligibility link between HCBS and hospital/institutional care. States were granted the opportunity to define the needs-based criteria and the composition of the clinical history of the specified population they wished to be served. Ms. Schober presented the history, eligibility criteria, and the current and future actions

regarding this waiver. MHA is working with Maryland Medicaid to formally submit its 1915(i) application to CMS later this year. Please see attachment for more information on eligibility and the areas to be covered in Maryland. Ms. Schober can be contacted at 410-402-8473 or mschober@dhmh.state.md.us.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

The Planning Committee Reviews

Cynthia Petion thanked the Planning Committee members, Phoenix Liss, Sue Diehl, Anita Solomon, Sarah Burns, Lesa Diehl, Carol Allenza, and Chicquita Crawford for their participation and review of the draft FY 2012 State Mental Health Plan on June 21st. The Planning Committee developed the letter of the review. Excerpts of the letter were read, listing some areas of focus, including a need to continue to address areas such as reduction of homelessness, expansion of youth leadership and school-based services, co-occurring services, affordable housing, etc.

Ms. Petion reminded the Council that the Planning Committee Review session to review elements of the Block Grant application will take place on Tuesday, July 26th from 9:30 to 12:30. Planning Committee members who are not able to attend are invited to participate by phone. The Council accepted a motion to allow the Planning/Executive Committee to finalize the letter of review after the Mental Health Block Grant Application review on July 26th.

Proposal of the MHA/MHP Cultural Competence Advisory Group (CCAG) to Become a Committee of the Joint Council

To follow up on the proposal submitted during last month's meeting, Council Chair Sue Diehl proposed that the CCAG become a part of the Joint Council, serving as a sub-committee (an additional arm of the Council) similar to the role of the Interagency Forensics Services Committee. In response to a request, Iris Reeves, MHA Multi-Cultural Coordinator and Co-chair of the group, reiterated some of the history and accomplishments of the group. (See June 21, 2011 minutes for more details).

The CCAG was formed in 1997 in partnership between MHA and the ASO (Maryland Health Partners) and consists of a diverse group of members from various racial/ethnic backgrounds as well as clinicians and administrators who serve minority populations, who assist MHA in increasing awareness of issues of cultural competence within a system that promotes resilience, recovery, and wellness. Over the years, the Group has been involved in:

- Presentations of clinical seminars and cultural fests;
- The development of an instrument (first in the nation) to measure consumer perception of cultural competence in mental health settings ;and
- Articles published in two journals regarding the assessment tool.

A motion to incorporate the CCAG into the Joint Council was accepted in a Council vote. It will be called the Cultural Competence Advisory Committee. If you have questions or know of individuals who would be eligible to join the Committee, please contact Iris Reeves at 410-402-8326.

Consumer Handbook

Jacquelyn Pettis, Prevention, Education, and Outreach Manager, ValueOptions®Maryland, distributed the Consumer Handbook for Maryland's Public Mental Health System. This publication makes it easier for readers to know how to get public mental health services, lists resources, and describes rights and responsibilities. For more information, Ms. Pettis may be contacted at Jacquelyn.pettis@valueoptions.com

The meeting was adjourned.